

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Masatake AKAIKE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 9, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.